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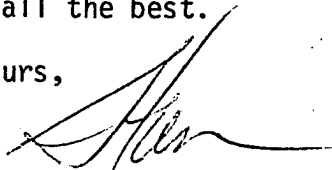
Dear Bill,

Thanks ever so much for your most thoughtful card of congratulations. I need and appreciate the support of good friends like yourself because the challenge ahead is great. I'll do my best to live up to your and the President's expectations.

I'm sorry you were unable to attend the Change of Command ceremony. As you can imagine, as fast as things were happening I almost didn't make it myself.

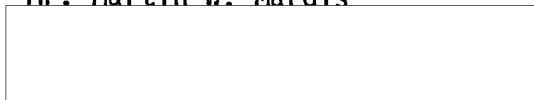
Again, many thanks and all the best.

Yours,



STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Mr. Martin W. Mardis



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Hoping the new venture
You've chosen to pursue
Will lead to new horizons
Of happiness for you.

MAY EVERY SUCCESS
BE YOURS

*Sincere congratulations
and best wishes
Laura & Bill*

Dear Stan, I am in the middle of
a transfer to Pittsburgh we
used not have made it
to Europe this time. But you
say you were to have
not arrive in time to
respond - earlier.

We both wish you
God's blessings in your
new position and trust
our paths will cross
again some time in the
future

Bill

For your NEW
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